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Page 18 your relatives or anything like that? 1 2. Α. Yes. 3 Okay. And who does she know? She knows my mom and my dad and my three 4 Α. 5 brothers. And we'll talk about your family in just a 6 Ο. 7 little bit. And did she know them since high school when you-all were friends? 8 9 Α. Yes. Okay. We'll flip to the next page. 10 The 11 next -- The next person disclosed here is 12 or Bless; is that correct? 13 Α. Yes. 14 And Bless was one of your alleged Ο. traffickers, right? 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 Now, you've had -- You allege to have been Q. trafficked between 2009 and 2013; is that correct? 18 19 As far as I can remember, yes. Α. 20 Okay. And do you remember that, or you're Ο. 21 just kind of guessing the timeline? 2.2 Α. As far as the timeline beginning, I'm unsure if it was 2009 or 2010. 23 And we'll talk a little bit more 24 Ο. Okay. about that. But let me just -- So whether it's 25

Page 19 2009 or 2010 through 2013, you've had three people 1 2 that you allege trafficked you, correct? 3 Α. Yes. And one of them is Bless, right? 4 Yes. 5 Α. And then I'm sure we'll come to the other 6 Ο. 7 name, but I'm just going to state them for the record real quick. The other person that initially 8 got you started in this life, right, his name was 9 10 Lee -or or --One of his names, he was known as Base 11 Α. 12 Cleff. 13 Was that his nickname or Q. his --14 15 I quess. I'm not sure. Α. And the other one was Bagz, right, 16 Q. 17 ? 18 Α. Yes. 19 And those are the only three people that allegedly trafficked you, correct? 20 21 Α. Yes. 22 How do you know Bless's name is Q. , real name? 23 24 Α. From Facebook. That's what his name was 25 on Facebook.

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Page 37 crazy or something or ... 1 2. Α. I honestly do not know. 3 And do you know -- Do you know his real 0. 4 name? 5 No. Α. And he was also one of the -- It says here 6 Ο. 7 he was also an associate of -- And when you say "an associate of the traffickers," are you referring to 8 9 Bless or Bagz? 10 Α. Both. 11 Okay. Was he an associate of 0. 12 Α. No. 13 Ο. And -- But he wasn't one of your traffickers, right? 14 15 Α. No. 16 "No" meaning he was not one of your Ο. 17 traffickers, correct? 18 Not one of mine, no. Α. The next -- Can you describe Kuuk? 19 Ο. 20 We weren't really allowed to look at them Α. 21 very much. If they were around, we had to keep our 22 heads down. So the best I could say is that he was a black man, and I think he was tall and thin. 23 24 Q. Do you recall how old he may have been at the time? 25

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1	Q. And what's your relationship like with
2	your grandparents, and ?
3	A. It's wonderful.
4	Q. Okay. Was it wonderful the entire time,
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6	A. No.
7	Q since you were a child?
8	A. I think it was typical when I was a child,
9	typical grandparent relationship. And then it was
10	kind of nonexistent for a while, and now it's
11	great.
12	Q. And when was it nonexistent?
13	A. When I was in Georgia.
14	Q. And that's during your alleged
15	trafficking?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Did they know about that?
18	A. No.
19	Q. And why How did you went from being a
20	wonderful relation to no relationship and Tell
21	me that.
22	A. It went from being a typical
23	relationship
24	Q. Typical.
25	A to a nonexistent relationship. I

Page 73 just -- When I moved to Georgia and I was with 1 2 Bagz, I -- I had already thought that my family was better off without me, and Bagz played on that and 3 manipulated my mind to making me think that they 4 5 truly did not want anything to do with me, so I did not have a relationship with my family. 6 7 Okay. And so it was basically your choice Ο. to cut them off, right? 8 9 Α. No. 10 MS. MYKKELTVEDT: Object to the form. 11 Go ahead. 12 THE WITNESS: No. It was not my 13 choice. I was manipulated into thinking that they 14 wanted nothing to do with me. 15 (By Mr. Allushi) I understand that. But 16 you cut them off, right? You were the one -- I 17 understand you're saying you were manipulated, but 18 you cut them off, right? 19 I was also not allowed to make phone calls 20 to my family unless I had permission, and he was right there listening to the phone calls. 21 2.2 And how long were the phone calls usually? Q. 23 Not very long. Α. 24 Ο. And when you say "not very long," more than five minutes, less than ten minutes? 25

- Q. Okay. Tell me about it.
- A. I just simply don't believe the things I used to believe as a religious person.
 - Q. Okay. You believe in God?
 - A. In a way, yes.

- Q. Okay. Well, let me ask you this: What triggered the change from a religious person to a nonreligious person?
- A. I believe a number of things did. One -One thing I see a lot of in Christian groups and
 religious groups is women are treated more as more
 second -- like second class, you know. We're
 supposed to be submissive to men. And Bagz would
 often use the Bible to try to manipulate us into
 being submissive. And I noticed that a lot of men
 in Christian religion do that, as well. So that's
 one reason among many more.
 - Q. And what are some of the other reasons?
- A. Just freedom of spirituality, also. Not necessarily having to follow, I guess, a book to be spiritual.
- Q. And when did this triggered event occur?
 When were you like -- When did you decide that you weren't going to be a believer in Christianity anymore?

Page 83 1 media? 2. Α. Not that I can recall. And what about your dad, ? Did you 3 Ο. speak to him throughout your alleged trafficking? 4 5 I did, but there was a certain point where 6 I wasn't allowed to speak to him anymore. Okay. And why is that? 7 Ο. There was a time where I was talking to my 8 Α. 9 dad, and I called him Daddy. And I got in trouble 10 for that, and I wasn't allowed to speak to him 11 anymore. 12 Ο. And you got in trouble from? 13 Α. Bagz. 14 With Bagz or Bless? Ο. 15 Α. Bagz heard me call him that, and he didn't 16 like it, so he made it where I couldn't call him 17 anymore. 18 And during the entire time that you were -- well, strike that. I'll ask you that in a 19 20 second. 21 And do you still have a relationship 22 with your mother, 23 Α. Yes. Is it a good one? 24 Q. 25 Α. Yes.

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1	in it.
2	Q. And with an ad, you mean like an ad
3	advertising the sale of sex?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And so then he sent somebody to get you?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Who?
8	A. A friend. I can't remember who came to
9	get me. I can't remember who it was.
10	Q. And do you remember when that was?
11	A. I don't.
12	Q. Okay. And so And we'll talk about that
13	in a little bit. Was he mad? Was mad at
14	what was going on, what you were doing?
15	A. He was heartbroken.
16	Q. Okay. And you said you stayed with him
17	for some time, and that's when you left and went to
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19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And that's the episode where Bless bought
21	you-all tickets and flew to Georgia, right?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And you have put in your interrogatories
24	that that was in 2009, right?
25	A. That's what I believed.

- Q. Okay. Did you -- Did you tell , hey, come to Georgia with me, I've got this guy and he's going to take care of us?
- A. Yes. She was right there with me reading the messages as they came and -- came and went. She was right there at her computer.
- Q. How many messages did you-all -- did you-all exchange?
 - A. I honestly don't know.
 - Q. It was more than one, though, right?
- A. Yeah. It was a little bit back and forth.
- Q. And so it's sometime September 2010, and you were exchanging the messages. And then did he send you guys tickets; do you recall?
 - A. Yes.

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- 0. Plane tickets?
- A. That's also part of why we bought into the illusion of this rich rapper, because he said, you know, I've got it, I'll buy y'all's tickets and fly y'all out here. He just made it seem, you know, like this baller, this rich rapper-style guy, and it was easy for our young naive brains to buy into it, I guess.
 - Q. And Bless didn't force you to get on the plane and go to Georgia, right?

A. He definitely manipulated us into getting on those planes.

MR. ALLUSHI: Objection, nonresponsiveness.

- Q. (By Mr. Allushi) Did Bless force you to get in a plane to come to Georgia? You can answer with a yes or no, and then explain whichever way you'd like,
- A. No. He didn't physically force us to get on a plane, but he definitely used manipulation of our minds to get us on there. Had we known what we were flying to, we would not have gone.
- Q. Okay. And when you say manipulative, you're talking about promising you the life, right?
 - A. Yes.
- O. The luxury life?
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- Q. He didn't coerce you in any way? He didn't say I'm going to kill your little brother if you don't come to Georgia, right?
- A. No. He did not use any kind of threatening language at the time.
- Q. Okay. So then you get -- you get to
 Georgia, and I guess -- Was it September, or was it
 October by that time, 2010?

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- A. I think I was watching like YouTube videos about conspiracy theories and stuff like that.
 - Q. Was that Pizzagate?
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- Q. Okay.
 - A. That was some of it, yes.
- Q. Okay. We'll talk about that in a little bit. But -- So at the time, I guess, he didn't use the word trafficking, right? So he came in and -- Bless came in and just basically said that you-all were going to have sex for money, right?
- A. Yeah, more or less. He didn't say that exactly, and I honestly can't remember what he told us. The whole situation, it was just very dark, very scary, nothing like what we expected, and it was terrifying.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. I don't know how else to explain. It wasn't anything like what we expected.
- Q. Why was it scary at this time? He hadn't done anything by this time, right? You'd just got to the hotel.
- A. Yeah. But we were expecting a certain situation, and next thing we know we're at a dingy hotel with really sketchy people, and not to

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Page 195 looked, like, miserable, and it 1 2. just -- it was not -- it was -- we were young, 3 young small females, and it was just not -- it didn't feel like a safe situation to be in. 4 5 Okay. So he said you-all are going to, 6 not in specific words, but you understood at the time that you were going to have sex for money? We --8 Α. 9 Ο. Go ahead. 10 I'm sorry. We were -- We understood at 11 that time that we were expected -- that we were 12 going to have sex for money for him. 13 And you had done that before, though, with Ο. 14 Lee, right? 15 Α. Yes, briefly. 16 had never done that Ο. Okay. But 17 before, right? 18 Not to my knowledge, no. shocked? 19 Ο. Okay. I mean, was Was 20 she, like, what the hell's going on here? 21 Α. Yes. 22 And -- But you had done it before, right, Ο. so you kind of knew what was going down, right? 23 24 Α. Well, I didn't know -- I didn't know that

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- Q. When you learned it was my question.
- A. Yes. But I didn't agree to it.
- Q. Okay. Did you tell Bless no, I don't want to do this, I'm going to leave?
- A. No. I did not. I was too scared to say that. And then not much longer after that, he took into the bathroom of the hotel and, like, beat the crap out of her. It was very, very loud and like it was at that point the most terrifying thing I'd ever heard. And that was enough to scare us into submission.
- Q. But when he said and you understood -- You said after he had already explained what y'all were going to do is when he beat _____, right?
- A. I can't remember if it was the exact same day or before or after. I just remember it was right there in that time, in that timeframe.
- Q. So when he told you that you were going to have commercial sex, did you say -- I know you said you didn't say no to him, but did he threaten you in any way?
- A. I don't -- I don't know if he did in the very beginning. But like I said, the violent situation with was very early on, and that

Page 202 1 Bless. 2. Ο. The two Extended Stays? 3 Α. Yes. Okay. And during those two weeks that 4 Q. 5 you-all switched between these two hotels, was -was Bless ever violent during those first two 6 weeks? 8 Α. Yes. 9 When did he start being violent with you? Q. 10 Well, he wasn't violent with me. He was Α. 11 extremely violent with 12 And who -- Are you speaking of Q. 13 or --14 The that's in that photo. Α. No. 15 Q. Photograph? 16 Yes. I don't know her last name. Α. 17 And was he ever violent with you during Q. 18 those two weeks? 19 No, not yet. Α. 20 Okay. Did he ever threaten you during Q. those two weeks? 21 22 Α. Yes. 23 Saying what? Ο. 24 Just that he'd beat the crap out of me and Α. just -- just a very aggressive overall way of 25

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Page 219 So even back then you didn't ask for help, 1 Q. 2. right? 3 Α. No. How long were you with Bless? 4 0. 5 I would say probably under two months. Α. And did you ever stay with Bless at the 6 0. 7 North Druid Hills location? I don't believe so, no. 8 Α. 9 0. And then you met Bagz, right? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And how did you meet Bagz? 0. 12 Well, the first time I met Bagz, we were 13 actually outside of -- We were in a van, and me and 14 were in the back, and we had gone to pick up And we were outside of that Hilton hotel 15 16 that I can't remember the name of it, and that's 17 the first time I met Bagz, and he turned around and introduced himself. 18 19 And I had -- I remember, because I had 20 gotten in a lot of trouble with Bless for that, 21 because I was not supposed to be looking anyone in 22 the -- especially any other pimp in the eye, let 23 alone touching them and talking to them; so... Did you ever have sex with Bless? 24 Ο. 25 Α. Yes.

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Page 220 Was it the first night you got to Georgia? 1 Ο. 2. Α. I don't think so. 3 It was at some time during those couple Ο. weeks you were with him, right? 4 5 Α. Yes. How many times did you have sex with him? 6 Ο. 7 Α. I'm not sure. Not many. Did he force you to have sex? 8 0. 9 Α. No. But it was understood that when you 10 were a pimp's girl, you were basically their 11 property, and it was -- You were -- You had to have 12 sex with them if that's what they wanted. 13 Ο. Did you ever have a threesome with him and you and ? 14 15 Α. No. I don't think so. 16 Did you ever have any -- Do you know if Ο. 17 had sex with him or not? 18 I don't think so. Α. 19 You don't think you know, or you don't 20 think she had sex with him? 21 I don't think she had sex with him. Α. 2.2 Do you think she ever performed oral sex Ο. on him? 23 I don't believe so. 24 Α. You never witnessed Bless performing -- or 25 Ο.

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Page 223 that's when me and were sitting behind 1 2. Bless, and we were supposed to keep our heads down, 3 and I had just learned that. And then I guess a few hours later, I remember Bagz's girls, 4 5 , who those were his girls at the time, 6 came in and gave him big wads of cash, and they 7 seemed really happy and happy to see him, meaning Bagz. And he was, like, expressing, you know, what 8 9 seemed like gratitude to them, like -- like -- or 10 telling them that they did a good job and all that, 11 and so I just remember that memory sticking out in 12 my mind. 13 Ο. And you say that you went to this music 14 studio, right? 15 Α. Yes. Was that -- Was it PIVIP by then, or not? 16 Ο. 17 It may have been. Α. And what's PIVIP for the record stand for? 18 Q. I believe it's called -- it stands for 19 Α. 20 Pimps In Very Important Places. 21 Okay. And so what was that? What was 0. 22 PiviP? Was it a gang? 23 I think they were trying to make a Α. music -- Like, have you ever heard of YMCMB? 24 25 Q. No

Page 227 your own and letting the girls bring their own. 1 2. And it didn't happen very often, but -- And he 3 would act like that was a Bottom Bitch privilege. It's not like the Bottom Bitch could keep 4 Ο. 5 the money, though, right? 6 Α. No. Of course not. 7 You still had to give it to Bagz? Q. 8 Α. Yes. 9 Or the pimp -- whoever the pimp was? Q. 10 Α. Yes. 11 And were you ever Bless's Bottom Bitch? Ο. 12 Α. No. 13 Were you at some time then later on Bagz's Ο. 14 Bottom Bitch? 15 Α. Sorry. Could you repeat the question. 16 Were you at some time during the alleged Ο. 17 trafficking with Bagz, Bagz's Bottom Bitch? 18 I was made to believe that, yes. Α. 19 Okay. And so you're on this trip. But in 20 October 2010, you were on this trip and the girls 21 are trying to convince you to switch to Bagz, and 22 so how did it happen, then? What happened? How did you make the transition? 23 24 Α. When we -- When all of the girls got back to the hotel, Bagz's girls, I guess, told him that 25

I wanted to. And then the pimps lined up in the 1 2 hallway, and the girls basically -- I said what the 3 girls told me to say to Bagz. And, yeah, at that time Bless was trying really hard to get me to 4 5 stay, and he was threatening me behind Bagz's back. 6 Bagz was here and Bless was here. And he was, 7 like, pulling out his gun and subtly pointing it at me. And it was really scary, but all I could think 8 9 at that time was I have to get away from him. 10 it felt like Bagz was my escape at the time and a 11 better situation. 12 Q. Okay. So let me just understand this 13 right. So you're in Texas. You're in Dallas, 14 Near your home town, right? riaht? 15 Α. Yes. And you're here with Bless, and Bagz is 16 Ο. 17 there. And you think that switching to Bagz is the 18 safe thing to do versus, like, calling

calling your dad, calling your mom, seeking help
from all these people that loved you all your life,
right?

A. Yes. I did think it was the better

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- A. Yes. I did think it was the better option, because I did not know how I would even explain the situation to my parents. I mean...
 - Q. But there was nothing stopping you from

Page 229 doing that at the time, right? 1 There was no 2. physical restraint, was there? Just the intimidation and the fear. 3 Α. Psychological, right? 4 Ο. 5 Α. Yes. And was this like a ritual, what y'all 6 Ο. 7 were doing in this hotel, like walking out to --What did you do? You walked up to Bagz and you 8 said I choose up, I choose you, or something like 10 that? 11 It does seem like a ritual, looking Yeah. 12 back at it. It seems ritualistic. It was --13 That's just the code of, like, pimps and their 14 girls, I quess. 15 Ο. Which hotel was this at, 16 I'm not sure. I can't remember what hotel Α. 17 we stayed in. 18 Q. Dallas? Yes, in Dallas. 19 Α. 20 Do you know if it was a La Quinta, or you Q. 21 can't recall at all? 2.2 Α. No. It was a nicer hotel. It was one of the higher-end hotels. 23 24 Like a Marriott, a Hyatt or something like Ο. 25 that?

Page 230 It was pretty tall, I remember, 1 2 because we were pretty high up. 3 And you haven't sued that hotel, right? Ο. I can't remember what hotel it was. 4 Α. 5 But this was the hotel where your 6 transition from Bless to Bagz happened, right? 7 Α. Yes. Important hotel, wouldn't you say? 8 Ο. Well, I mean, the hotel really wasn't that 9 Α. 10 important to me at the time. 11 Well, did they -- Was this ritual inside a Ο. 12 room, or was it in the hallway? 13 Α. It was in the hallway. 14 So did any of the employees see you guys Ο. do this thing? 15 16 I'm not sure. Α. 17 Okay. Should they have seen you? I mean, Q. you're doing a ritual, pimps lined up and the girls 18 19 as you described them lined up, right? 20 It was just me. Α. 21 It was just you, Bagz, and Bless? 0. 22 Α. And I believe Kuuk and Nitty were also lined up outside. 23 24 So should the hotel have seen and done Ο. something about it, saved you? 25

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- A. If there were cameras, they should have seen and, yes, I do feel like they should have stepped in or at least called the cops, because the situation was very sketchy.
- Q. And that was a bigger hotel, right? It wasn't like the motels like Red Roof or Suburban Extended Stay or those places, right?
 - A. No. It wasn't. It was a nicer hotel.
- Q. Do you know if they had inhouse security? Big hotels usually have inhouse security.
- A. They may have.
 - Q. Okay. And so you're in -- So then you went with Bagz, right? After you said choose up, that was it, right? You went with Bagz?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. And how long were you-all -- Were you having sex for money at that hotel where you chose up Bagz?
 - A. I don't believe so.
 - Q. How long were you-all at that hotel?
- A. It was brief. This whole visit was really random to me at the time. Looking back now, I almost feel like it was -- they were on a mission. The pimps were on a mission of some sort.
 - O. What mission was that?

Page 232 I believe they were trying to find 1 Α. 2. again. Did they? 3 Q. I don't think so. 4 Α. No. 5 You didn't bring back, or Ο. didn't come back with you on this trip, right? 6 7 I'm not sure. I don't believe she came Α. back on this trip specifically, but she did come 8 9 back pretty -- pretty soon after I started being 10 with Bagz. 11 And how did that happen; do you remember? Ο. 12 I don't remember. I don't remember. Α. 13 So you were with Bagz from October 2010 Ο. 14 until the end of your alleged trafficking, right, 15 2013 when you went to jail, prison? 16 Α. Yes. 17 When did you go to prison? Was it --Q. 18 It was in March of 2013. I got arrested Α. in Texas, actually, because I was violating 19 20 probation by being out of the state without 21 permission. 2.2 Ο. And we'll talk a little bit about the 23 Let me just try to arrest, . 24 understand. So from -- So Bagz, you were allegedly trafficked from October 2010 through March 2013, 25

Page 233 1 right? 2. Α. Yes. 3 That's two and half years roughly? Q. 4 Α. Yes. 5 And so you got back to Georgia shortly Ο. thereafter the whole choose up hotel thing? 6 7 I believe so. Α. Did you go into any other states? 8 9 Α. I think we stopped in some states on the 10 way back to Georgia. I just cannot remember. 11 I feel like I remember stopping in some states, but 12 I don't know which ones. Probably Louisiana. 13 Ο. Did Bless ever take you out of state? 14 This visit. Just this visit to -- going Α. 15 to Dallas. 16 And on the way, did you-all stop to have Ο. 17 commercial sex anywhere on the way? 18 It's possible, but I don't -- I don't Α. 19 remember. 20 And which states did Bagz allegedly Ο. 21 traffic you aside from Georgia? 2.2 Α. We -- Louisiana. North Carolina and South 23 Carolina. Tennessee. Alabama. Florida. And Texas. And I think that's it. I mean, if I were 24 25 shown a map, I might be able to...

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Page 234 Seven states, that is, you named, right? 1 Q. 2. Α. (Witness nods head.) 3 And did you stay at hotels at all these Q. 4 places? 5 Α. Yes. And is there any other brands we haven't 6 Ο. 7 mentioned that you stayed at these -- during your alleged trafficking in these other states? 8 9 Α. When we went to, I'm not sure if it was 10 North Carolina or South Carolina, we would stay at 11 a DoubleTree. But Extended Stays were also very 12 popular. Red Roof Inns while we were out of town 13 were less popular, because I think we only stayed 14 at ones that Bagz had established to be safe from 15 the police and that he was visibly comfortable, you 16 know, parading us around at. 17 Do you remember any other Red Roofs out of 18 state that you stayed at? 19 I feel like there was maybe one, I think, Α. 20 in Tennessee. 21 Ο. Do you remember what city or where, which 2.2 area? 23 I'm not sure. And the DoubleTree hotel you said in the 24 Ο. Carolinas, have you sued the DoubleTree hotel? 25

Page 235 1 Α. No. 2 Ο. So you get back to Georgia with Bagz, 3 right? 4 Α. Eventually, yes. 5 And so we are -- October 2010. When do you think you got back to Georgia from that trip? 6 7 When we went on these trips, they were Α. really -- they were usually about a week or two, 8 9 maybe sometimes three weeks long, so maybe the end 10 of October or so, November, maybe the beginning. 11 And by the time we were back in Atlanta, we had to just me and 12 gone from me, , and 13 pretty quickly. 14 What happened to ? Ο. 15 Α. I'm not sure. 16 Do you think she escaped? Ο. 17 I really don't know. Α. 18 Okay. So tell me about Bagz. Once you --Q. 19 You said that you thought Bagz would be a nicer 20 pimp, right? 21 Α. Yes. 22 And did Bagz turn out to be a nicer pimp Ο. 23 than Bless? For the first, like, week or so, yes. 24 Α. Ιt 25 seemed that way.

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- Q. Did you have sex with him the first week?
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- Q. And was that voluntary?
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 - Q. But he didn't force or threaten you in any ways, right?
 - A. Not at this time, no.
 - Q. And when was the first -- So when you got back, which hotel did you get back to?
 - A. In Atlanta? When we first got back, that's when we went to that apartment that was shown because Bagz needed to get some clothes and stuff. And we -- and I actually did fall asleep there on a chair, because I believe after Bagz got some of the belongings he needed, he went somewhere and told us to stay put until he got back. And then I don't think he got back till the morning, and so I think and I fell asleep on a chair because there was nowhere else to sleep for us in the living room.
 - Q. And did you guys go to a hotel afterwards to resume the commercial sex?

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Page 237 1 Α. Yes. Was that at -- Which hotel was that? 2. Ο. It's hard to remember what order certain 3 Α. hotels were, because we were in and out of hotels 4 5 constantly from this point till the very end of my 6 stay in Georgia. 7 0. Okay. And I want to ask you a specific question about it. Do you recall when the first 8 9 time that you stayed at the Red Roof North Druid 10 Hills was? 11 I believe it was sometime maybe late Α. 12 November, because we --13 Ο. 2010? 14 2010. We had gone on another little 15 quick trip out of town, just and I, maybe, I 16 would say, at the end of October. And then at that 17 time, she had come up with this plan to escape, and 18 she had -- she had left. And then I ended up 19 coming back alone to Georgia. 20 had a plan to escape, and she Ο. So did escape sometime in November 2010? 21 2.2 Α. Yes. 23 Did she ask you to go with her? Ο.

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- A. I -- I didn't think that it was that bad at the time.
- Q. Okay. So you didn't go with not because you were scared; you just thought it was fine doing commercial sex with Bagz, right?
- A. Well, not necessarily. I was still very scared of Bagz. He's 20 times scarier than Bless ever was, and he didn't even have to try at first. But I had also seen the pattern now of how the pimps operated and how scary that they were. So that fear was already instilled and just became more and more as time went on. So yes, I was still afraid.
- Q. Had Bagz -- At the time escaped, had Bagz been physically abusive to you?
 - A. No. Not yet.

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- Q. And at the time that escaped, had Bagz threatened you in any ways by that -- up to that time?
- A. Briefly, yes. Part of plan when we were out of town -- We went out of town to North Carolina, and in the middle of the night instead of staying in North Carolina, she said let's go to New York. And I trusted her because from what it looked like, it looked like Bagz really held her on

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a pedestal. It seemed that way. So I thought

maybe -- I didn't think that it was going to get us

in trouble. I thought -- Just the way she made it

sound is that we're not going to tell him yet.

We're going to surprise him that we're going here.

And then once we were there, I spoke

to him. And when he found out that we were there,

he did get very angry and aggressive and scary.

But I think he sensed that, because I was so new to

- Q. Okay. So he didn't threaten you. You're saying he used manipulative ways?
- A. At first he did, and then he changed his way of manipulating.
 - Q. How did he threaten you?
- A. He said something along the lines of he's going to -- He would use a lot of degrading words when he talked to -- Like, when he got angry, he would use very degrading words, and he would say I'm going to -- I'm going to -- I can't remember exactly verbatim what he would say, but along the

Page 240 lines of "I'm going to beat you." 1 2. Ο. Okay. MS. MYKKELTVEDT: Were you finished? 3 BY MR. ALLUSHI: 4 5 Yeah. Are you finished? Ο. 6 Α. No. No. 7 Ο. Okay. Go ahead. Sorry. That's okay. He would say things like 8 Α. 9 "I'm going to beat you." And he would, like, 10 really degrade us like saying things, "I'm going to 11 beat you, "like, "dirty whores, " and stuff like 12 that, and -- I don't know. I don't know how to 13 explain it. But it would make us feel really low, and then he would flip it, and it's -- For my naive 14 15 mind back then, it was a lot to comprehend. 16 when he would flip it and he would start being 17 really, really nice, I almost, like, tried to cling 18 onto that. And that's what he used specifically to 19 get me back from New York instead of letting me 20 escape with at the time. 21 Are you finished? Ο. 22 Α. Yes. Okay. So let me just understand this a 23 Ο. 24 little bit, So you and were in North Carolina by yourself, the two of you, and 25

confusing, and I didn't realize that. We lost the car, and all of our luggage and stuff was in it, and so we didn't have any clothes or anything like that. So that's -- We were -- We didn't have anything. So I think we maybe bought an outfit each, and I'm sure we bought food at some point. We'd have to eat at some point. And then anything else I had, I brought it back to him when I did arrive back in Atlanta.

- Q. Well, how did Bagz know how much money you made each day and how much money you used for food, for gas, for things like that? Did you-all keep a log of them, or did you-all keep like receipts for everything and he demanded receipts? I'm just trying to understand how that worked out.
- A. So, besides this trip in particular, because this trip obviously wasn't how things went usually, but we would have a daily quota. And we would talk to Bagz throughout the day, many times throughout the day to check in and to let him know when we were going to get food and let him know that we were going -- when we were going to pay for the hotel. These were all things that were required of us.

And even after paying for our food and

Page 251 our hotel, our quota was still a certain number. 1 2. So we'd have to make our quota then plus enough food for ourselves to eat or get a room. 3 Otherwise, we would get beaten up. 4 5 But my question was he didn't ask you for 6 receipts on food or receipts for gas or receipts 7 for toiletries or receipts for the dresses you said you bought, right? Did he ask you for those 8 9 receipts? 10 I didn't buy dresses. I don't know what 11 you're referring to. 12 Okay. Strike the dresses. Did he ask you Ο. 13 for receipts for food that you bought, for gas that 14 you bought, for toiletries that you bought? 15 Α. In general or on this specific trip? 16 On this specific trip. 0. 17 On this specific trip his only concern was Α. 18 getting me back to him. 19 Ο. Okay. 20 That was his only concern. Α. 21 MR. ALLUSHI: Objection, 22 nonresponsiveness. 23 (By Mr. Allushi) My question was for the Ο. 24 things that you bought on this trip,

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did he ask you for receipts for these specific

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Page 254 here, you stayed at the Red Roof North Druid Hills 1 2. 25 times, right, approximately? 3 That's very possible. Yes. Α. Okay. Do you recall -- That's what you 4 Ο. 5 put in the -- You can review your testimony here on 6 these, if you'd like. If you go to page -- Do you see page 32? 7 Α. 8 Yes. 9 And it says Red -- And that's -- It says "Plaintiff further provides the following details 10 11 relating to her --12 MR. ALLUSHI: Sorry. I'm reading fast 13 again. 14 (By Mr. Allushi) "Plaintiff further Ο. 15 provides the following details relating to her 16 trafficking at specific hotels relevant to this 17 action about which R.K. has specific recollection." And it says "Red Roof Inn North Druid Hills." And 18 19 it says "R.K. believes the first time she was at 20 this hotel is in late September 2009." Now, that is incorrect, right? We've 21 22 established here today that the first time you stayed at the Red Roof Inn North Druid Hills is 23 November 2010, correct? 24 Yes. That sounds more right. 25 Α.

Page 255 Okay. We've established that today here 1 2. from testimony in documents, right? 3 Α. Yes. Okay. And then it says "Her trafficker at 4 5 that time" was Bagz, "would have been Bagz," 6 correct? 7 Α. Yes. "Over the course of her trafficking, R.K. 8 Ο. 9 estimated that she was at this hotel up to 25 10 times, correct? 11 Yes. That's accurate. Α. 12 So maximum of 25 times, right, over the Ο. 13 two years and a half? 14 MS. MYKKELTVEDT: Object to the form. 15 Ο. (By Mr. Allushi) It says up to 25 times. 16 Did I read that correct? 17 Well, it says up to 25 times, but it's Α. 18 more ballpark. 19 Okay. Well, that's what that says there, Ο. 20 right? 21 Α. That's what it says there, but --2.2 And you wrote that, right? Q. No. I did not write that. 23 Α. 24 Ο. You told that to your attorneys, right? 25 Α. I think what we -- What I meant was that

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Page 256 it's more of a ballpark around 25 times. 1 2. Ο. Okay. It's hard to be exact. 3 Α. And I understand that and appreciate that, 4 Q. 5 But this says -- Under oath you 6 signed this document saying that these are true and 7 correct representations. You understand that? Well --8 Α. 9 Is that a yes? Ο. 10 Α. I don't know. 11 Do you understand that you signed the Ο. 12 document saying that this document contains true 13 and accurate representations of these answers? 14 I'm not trying to trick you. I'm just asking if 15 you understand that. 16 I'm not sure. Α. 17 Okay. So you don't know if that Q. 18 Verification we discussed earlier, you didn't 19 understand what that meant when you signed it where 20 it says under penalty of perjury you're signing 21 these to be true and correct? 2.2 Α. Well, I understood that there might be a 23 couple of typos in there. 24 Ο. Okay. And do you think this is a typo 2.5 here?

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Page 257 I mean, basically, yes. 1 Α. 2. 0. So you think it was more than 25 times 3 now? I think it's ballpark around 25 times. 4 Α. 5 Okay. Ο. It could be more than 25 times. 6 Α. 7 And it could be less, right? Ο. Yes. It could be less. It could be more. 8 Α. 9 That's why around 25. 10 Understand. And then it says each stay at Ο. 11 the hotel was usually three to five days at a time; 12 is that accurate? 13 Α. Yes. 14 To the best of your recollection? Ο. 15 Α. Yes. 16 And it says this was one of the most Ο. 17 frequented hotels by your trafficker, which is --18 is that Bagz? 19 Α. Yes. 20 And what were some of the other hotels Ο. 21 that were the most -- Because it says one of the 2.2 most. Which one are the others? 23 Really any of the Extended Stays, we 24 rotated through those pretty often. The Hampton 25 Inn right across the street from this one.

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- Q. Okay. Did you understand -- Do you know what prostitution is? Do you know what the legal definition in Georgia of prostitution is?
 - A. I do not.

- Q. Okay. Let me read it to you. OCGA 16-6-9 says "A person 18 years or older of age commits the offense of prostitution when he or she performs or offers or consents to perform a sexual act including but not" -- "but not limited to sexual intercourse or sodomy for money and other items of value." Were you doing that?
- A. I wouldn't consider what I was doing to fit that exactly, because I did not have the ability to say no, and I did not keep any of my money, so I don't think it fits that definition exactly.
- Q. Okay. But did this definition I just read you say anything about ability to keep money or ability to say no?
 - A. It did say consent.
- Q. Let me read it again. "A person 18 years of age or older commits the offense of prostitution when he or she performs," is first, "or offers," is second, "or consents to perform a sexual act," right? There's three different -- "including but

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Page 264 not limited to sexual intercourse or sodomy for money or other items of value." So you did perform sexual intercourse in exchange for items of value, correct? It's just not the term that I would have used for what was happening. MR. ALLUSHI: Objection, nonresponsiveness. Ο. (By Mr. Allushi) I understand that. And you can certainly answer and describe whichever way . My question was: You you'd like, did perform sexual intercourse in exchange for items of value, money, correct? Yes. If I chose not to, then I would be Α. beaten up by Bagz. Did you know at the time that it was illegal to perform acts of sexual intercourse in exchange for items or value like money? Yes, but I was more afraid of Bagz than Α.

A. Yes, but I was more afraid of Bagz than the police.

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- Q. Do you know whose name it would have been?
- A. Well, it was possible it was under whatever ID Bagz was using. Also, if had an ID, it may have been under her name. But I don't know if you can get a hotel room under 17. I don't know if that's legal.
- Q. Well, testified yesterday that she never rented a room at the North Druid Hills hotel in her name. Do you have any reason to dispute that?
- A. Not necessarily. But what I'm going off is Bagz, when we would have multiple girls, he'd have -- sometimes have the room put under the other girls' names. And I was never one of those because I never had an ID except for the brief time that I had the fake ID.
- Q. Okay. As you sit here today, do you have any evidence that you stayed 25 times at the Red Roof North Druid Hills? And by evidence, I mean, do you have any documents, any folios, any receipts, any receipts from vending machines, any receipts from buying anything there or doing anything there? Do you have anything like that?

 MS. MYKKELTVEDT: Object to the form.

Go ahead.

Page 266 1 THE WITNESS: I don't have any 2 physical evidence. I don't have anything at all 3 from my time in Georgia. I mean, obviously, besides these documents. But I never -- I didn't 4 keep anything from Georgia when I got out of 5 6 prison. 7 (By Mr. Allushi) Let me -- Let me Ο. rephrase that question, 8 , because your 9 lawyer objected. 10 Do you have any written documentation 11 in your possession showing that you stayed at the 12 Red Roof North Druid Hills ever? 13 Α. Not that I know of. Not any physical --14 Not anything physical. 15 MR. ALLUSHI: Let's take a quick 16 break. He needs to change the video. 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the 18 record at 4:50 p.m. 19 (Off record 4:50 - 4:59.) 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back 21 on the record at 4:59 p.m. 2.2 (By Mr. Allushi) we're Ο. back from a quick break. We were talking about 23 24 your stays at the Red Roof North Druid Hills. 25 And during your stays at the Red Roof

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North Druid Hills, your alleged stays there, did you ever speak to any employees?

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- O. Who?
- A. Often the front desk people. We would go downstairs and pay for our rooms each day, pay for another stay in the hotel. And we would have to go -- either go down there or call down, but often we would go down there and ask for towels. We had to get a lot of, like, towels throughout the day for when we were seeing customers to clean up and everything.

And -- And then anytime the -- the ladies would go by with their carts, we'd ask for a bunch of towels and stuff, too. But they were only doing that a certain time every day, so if it was past that time and we needed towels, we'd go down to the front desk and ask them.

- Q. And this was the same type of procedure in all these hotels you stayed, right? You'd do the same thing, right?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. All of the dozen brands that we talked about, correct?
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- And do you recall any names specifically of employees at the Red Roof North Druid Hills? Α. No. And do you -- Did you ever tell anyone at the Red Roof North Druid Hills that you were being held against your will? Α. No. I did not. They were all, like, connected to Bagz or, you know, other pimps, but Bagz was -- like knew them. He was friendly with them. So no, I didn't -- I didn't think they would I thought if I asked for help from them, they'd surely tell Bagz and then I'd get beaten up. Ο. And how do you know they were connected to Baqz? Because we only went to hotels specifically if the pimps felt comfortable taking us there, meaning they knew they wouldn't get in trouble for taking us to certain hotels. Objection, MR. ALLUSHI: nonresponsiveness.
 - Q. (By Mr. Allushi) My question is how do you know, ______, that Bagz was connected to the Red Roof employees? Did he tell you? Did somebody else tell you? That's what I'm trying to understand.

A. I'm sure he did say -- say something along those lines. But also just by the way that they would act at these hotels. For example, in hotels that he wasn't necessarily super comfortable in, he wouldn't even get out of the car. He wouldn't go inside unless, you know, maybe by himself.

But in these hotels, Red Roof Inn and many of the other ones mentioned, he -- he would not only go inside and pay for the room when we'd first get to the hotel, but he would hang out in the parking lots of these hotels with other pimps. And a lot of times he would sit in the parking lot and smoke with some of the girls, especially specifically at this Red Roof Inn sometimes.

- Q. And you're saying based on those observations you just described, that's how you concluded that he was connected at the hotels, right?
 - A. Yes, his comfortability at those hotels.
- Q. But you never witnessed him discuss anything with the employees at North Druid Hills, correct?
 - A. Yes, I did.

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- O. What was he discussing?
- A. I've seen him go into hotels and just,

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like, chat with them as if he knew them. And his comfortability with the employees -- it was very obvious that he was comfortable with them.

- Q. But again, that was just an observation, right? You didn't hear what the -- the substance of the conversation, did you?
 - A. What was the original question?
- Q. At the North Druid Hills hotel, did you ever hear what the substance of any conversations between Bagz and employees were?
- A. Yeah. I did hear -- I mean, sometimes like when he'd go in, he would, you know, be very friendly with them when, like, getting the room. And he would just speak like he's speaking to a friend or someone he knew, very familiar with.
- Q. Okay. But did he -- Did you ever hear him specifically say I'm a pimp and these girls are working and appreciate you guys letting us stay here?
- A. I've heard him say "appreciate you guys," almost exactly that verbatim.
 - Q. Okay.

A. But he didn't need to state the other stuff, because when we would -- It was very obvious that he was a pimp and we were his, the way we were

to follow behind him and walk with our heads down and bring our money downstairs while he waited downstairs.

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- Q. It was obvious to you, though, right? Or it should have been obvious to anybody, according to your testimony?
- A. It should have been obvious to the employees that worked there to look out for something like that.
- Q. Okay. To look out for somebody just having girls follow him around and pay cash, right?
- A. For girls that looked like they were being trafficked.
- Q. And what do girls that were being trafficked look like?
- A. Very submissive and -- Very submissive to a man and usually multiple girls with a man, or it could be even just one, but very, very submissive and running money down from upstairs to hand to a man. And just signs of someone being trafficked is -- besides that would be getting towels multiple times a day, being dressed up to linger around a hotel room, paying cash every day to renew the room. Those would be signs, I would say, to look for if you're looking for signs for trafficking

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Page 272 1 victim. 2. Ο. I understand -- I'm sorry. Are you finished? 3 I'm done. 4 Α. 5 Okay. I understand you understand that now. You filed a lawsuit alleging these things. 6 But earlier you told me you didn't know what trafficking was at the time, right? 8 9 Α. No, I did not. 10 Okay. But you expected the hotel to know Ο. 11 at the time? 12 I expect, yeah, the hotel to know better. Α. 13 Ο. And you think that somebody that has a 14 submissive girl with him, that should have been a 15 sign? 16 It should have been looked into, at least. 17 And if they had any suspicion, then they should 18 turn it away or call the police. 19 And you don't think that there is plenty Ο. 20 of relationships where a woman is submissive to a 21 man that go and stay at a hotel? 2.2 Α. That's possible. But it should raise some concern at a hotel specifically. 23 24 Ο. So every time a hotel employee sees a woman that's submissive and pays cash, runs down 25

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Page 280 Probably. 1 Α. 2. Ο. Okay. Then you went back to Georgia, back 3 to Bagz, right? Well, in this particular instance he 4 5 picked me up from jail. 6 Q. So he came to Tennessee to pick you up? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. But when you were in Tennessee alone, you 9 didn't escape or anything? 10 Α. I was too afraid. I wasn't going to try it. 11 I knew what would happen if I tried and 12 failed. 13 0. Did Bagz ever beat you up? 14 Very often. Yes, he did. Α. 15 Q. Okay. And how often? 16 Monthly. Weekly sometimes. It honestly Α. 17 just depended. 18 And were you placed on probation after this arrest here? 19 20 I don't remember. Α. 21 Okay. I think it says here. Do you see 22 where it says "appearance details"? Do you see that paragraph? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. It says you showed up in court on -- This

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